

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Reuben M. Brown

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 8/21/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 5, 9-10, 12, 18 & 24, renumbered as 1-6.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 24, 5, 9-10, 12 & 18 are allowed. Considering claim 24, prior art of record does not teach the combination of elements recited in the amended claimed PC/TV computer system having a keyboard for providing alphanumeric characters to the PC/TV computer and having a display monitor, a method of selecting a network station or an Internet site comprising the steps of: storing predetermined network station and Internet site identifiers; placing the PC/TV computer in a user selectable TV mode providing a full screen display and no user accessible PC functionality or in a Computer mode providing a user accessible PC functionality and with a video window in the display being in focus;

effecting a first actuation of an alphanumeric key on the keyboard associated with a network identifier;

creating a monitor display of the or each stored network station identifier or Internet site identifier having a first character matching the character associated with the alphanumeric key on the keyboard;

effecting a second actuation of the same or another alphanumeric key on the keyboard;

creating a monitor display of the or each stored network station identifier or Internet site identifier containing first and second characters matching the characters associated with the first and second alphanumeric key;

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if more than one identifier is displayed, optionally effecting one or more further alphanumeric key actuations and creating a monitor display of the or each stored network station identifier or Internet site identifier containing an initial sequence of characters matching the sequence of characters associated with the sequence of alphanumeric key actuations;

effecting user input to the system to mark the or a user selected displayed name having the matching sequence of characters; and

then effecting user input to the system to establish communication between the PC/TV computer system and a network station corresponding to the displayed network station identifier marked by said user input;

wherein at least one of the network station identifiers is a channel macro identifying a selected TV program on a particular network station.

Claims 5, 9-10, 12 & 18, depend from allowable subject matter and are thus allowable for at least the same reasons.

In an interview on 7/12/2007, examiner agreed that applicant's proposed amendment to claim 24, would overcome prior art of record.

2. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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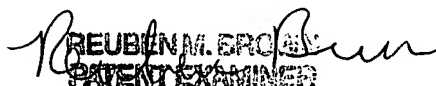
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Reuben M. Brown whose telephone number is (571) 272-7290. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (9:00-6:00), First Friday off.

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